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## PREVIOUSLY...

### THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS IS UPON US!

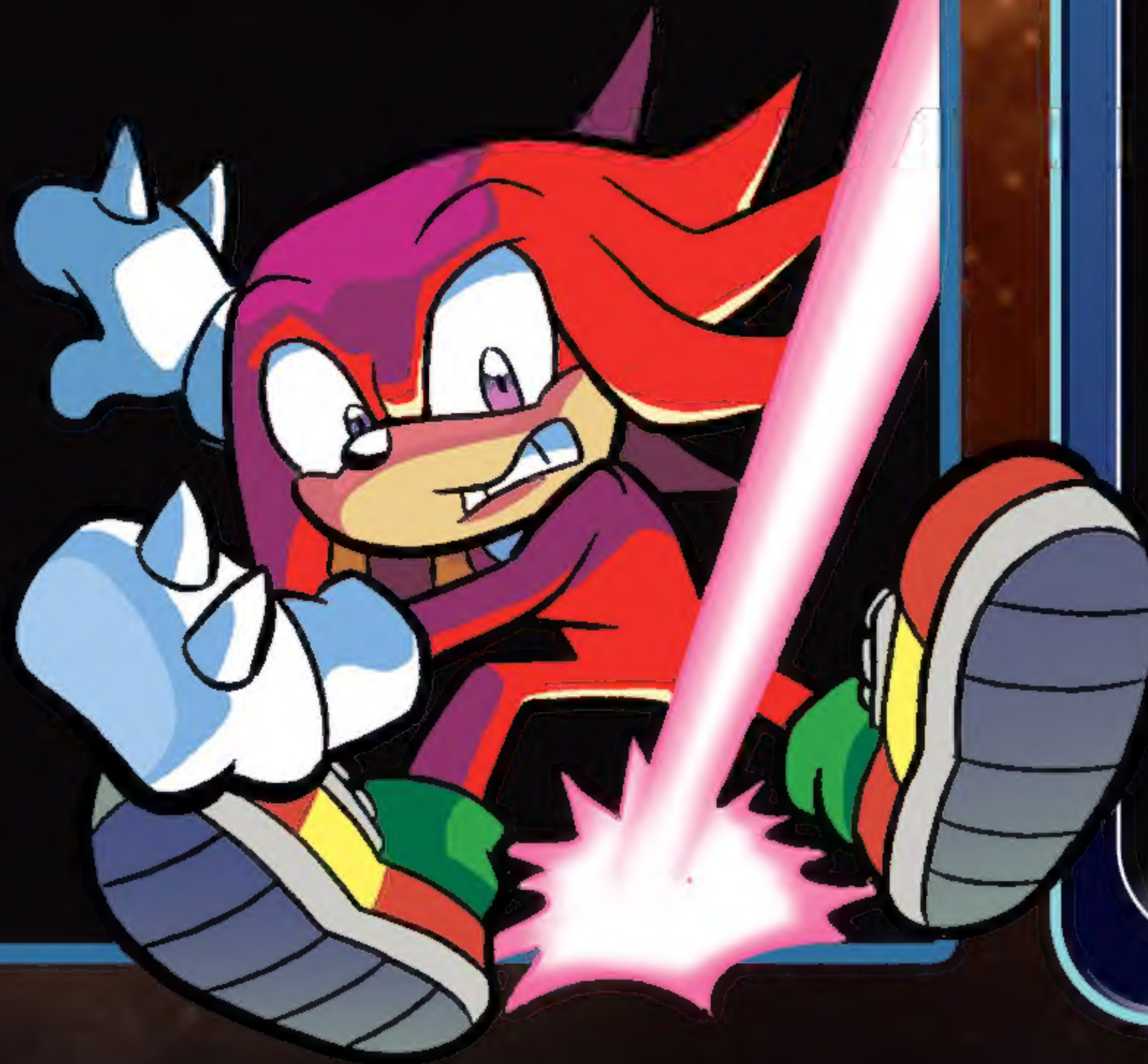
The continents have been ripped up and now fly around as floating islands. Knuckles has been enlisted by a mysterious force to track down a powerful spirit that should help fix the world!



Along the way he met the Chaotix, who had been hired to find the Chaos Emeralds. These gems are the key to restoring the world. Could they hold a connection to the spirit

Knuckles was tasked to find? Knuckles joined the Chaotix to find out.

Together they faced strange and terrifying monsters as they searched the spooky Pumpkin Hills. While they haven't found the Emerald, they have found trouble in the form of the Chaotix's greatest rivals...



## WHO'S WHO



**KNUCKLES  
THE ECHIDNA**  
THE LAST GUARDIAN



**TEAM CHAOTIX**  
(VECTOR, ESPIO & CHARMY)  
FREELANCE DETECTIVES



**TEAM HOOLIGAN**  
(BARK, NACK & BEAN)  
MERCENARY CROOKS



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PUMPKIN  
HILL ZONE

GREAT--  
THESE BOZOS  
AGAIN.

THE CHAOS  
EMERALD WAS ON  
THE MOVE, AND NOW  
THEY'RE HERE...

THEY  
MUST'VE  
TAKEN  
IT!

# THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

PART TWO:  
THE USUAL  
SUSPECTS

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HOWDY, BOYS!  
NICE NIGHT FOR SOME  
LARCENY, DON'T YOU  
THINK?

YOU FOUR  
COOPERATE, AND  
WE MIGHT JUST LET  
YOU LEAVE THIS  
PLACE ALIVE!

**NACK the WEASEL FANGED SNIPER**

**BARK the POLAR BEAR SILENT BRAWLER**

**GYEEP!**

**The MARVELOUS QUEEN NACK'S BIKE-- DON'T TOUCH!**

Oh, YEAH? **CHAOTIX-- LET'S GET 'EM!**

**VECTOR the CROCODILE CHAOTIX LEADER**

**KNUCKLES the ECHIDNA LAST OF HIS KIND**

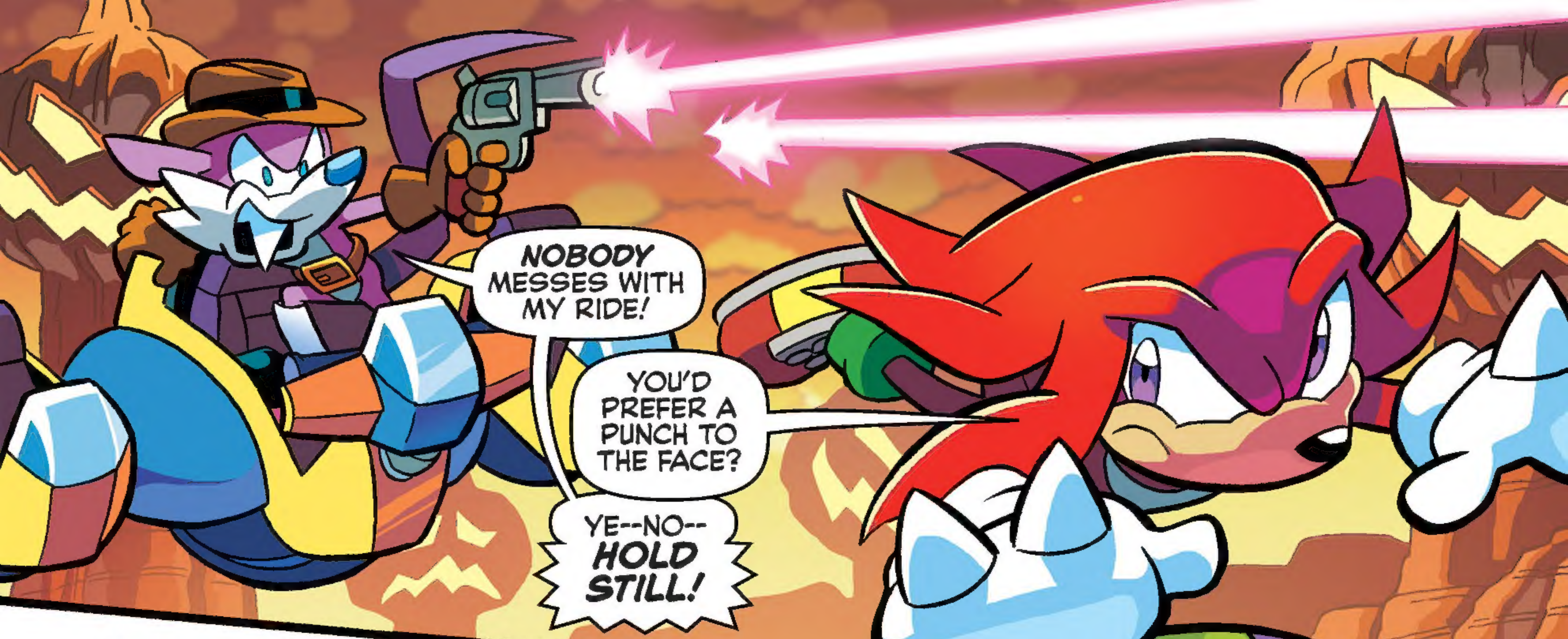
GOOD EVENING!

**ESPIO the CHAMELEON CHAOTIX NINJA**

**CHARMY the BEE JUNIOR CHAOTIX**

**BEAN the DYNAMITE DUCK HAS ISSUES**





NOBODY  
MESSES WITH  
MY RIDE!

YOU'D  
PREFER A  
PUNCH TO  
THE FACE?

YE--NO--  
HOLD  
STILL!



GRRR! SHOULD'VE  
KNOWN YOU NO-GOOD  
MERC'S WERE BEHIND THIS!  
HAND OVER THE EMERALD  
BEFORE I--!



WHAM!



HOLD ON!  
HOLD ON!  
MY WORD  
ARE STILL  
MESS'D  
UP!



HEY,  
NOW! I'M A  
REASONABLE  
CUT-THROAT!

I GAVE YOU  
MUGS A CHANCE  
TO HAND OVER  
THE EMERALD  
QUICKLY!

NOW YOU  
MADE THIS  
A *THING!*

A FOOLISH  
PLOY--WE KNOW  
YOU HAVE THE  
EMERALD.

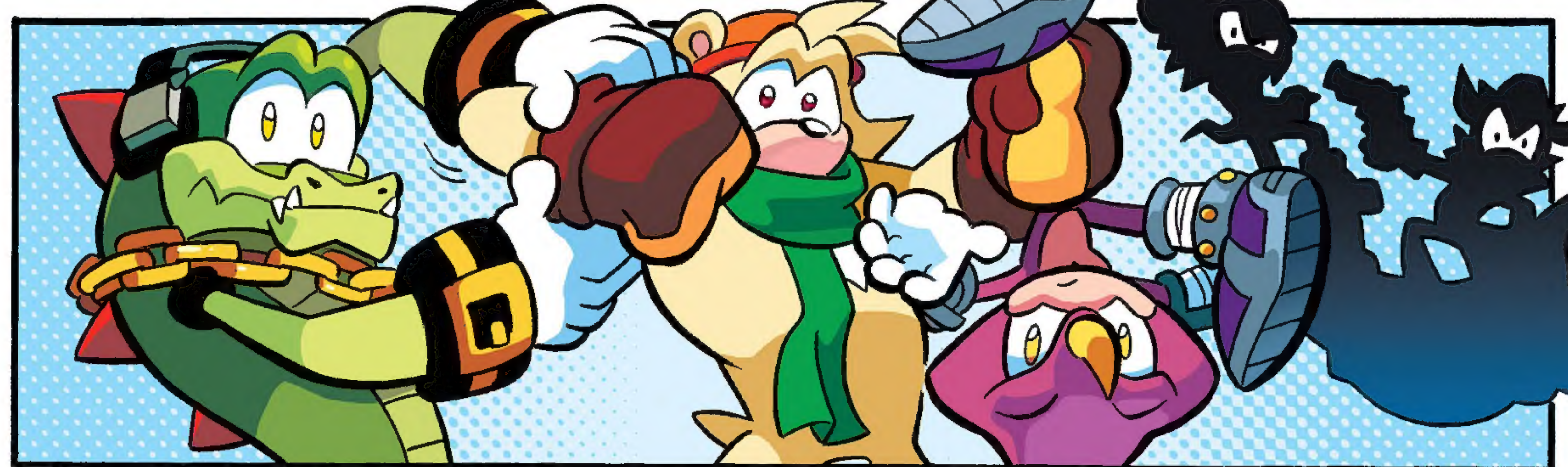


TESTING, TESTING,  
ONE-TWO-THREE...  
THERE WE GO!

NOW...



...IF *THEY* DON'T HAVE THE SHINY,  
AND *WE* AMBUSHED *THEM* TO GET  
SAID SHINY, DOESN'T IT STAND  
TO REASON THAT *NOBODY*  
HAS THE SHINY?



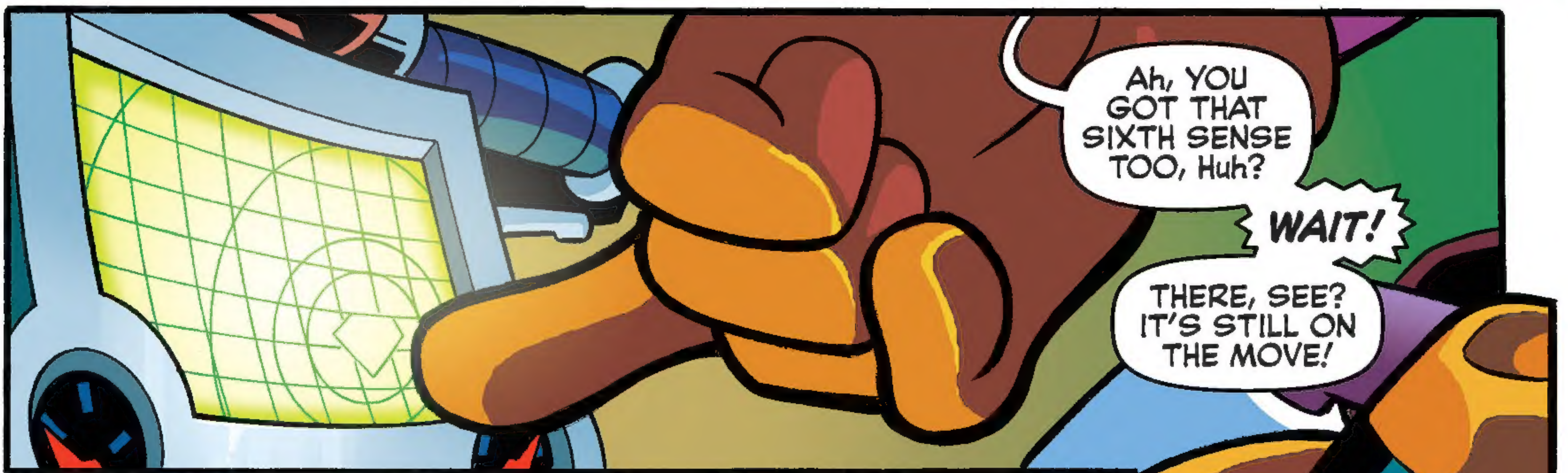
**SCOUGH!**



Oh, FOR THE LOVE OF--TRUCE! TRUCE!

THIS MAKES NO SENSE! MY EMERALD TRACKER CLEARLY SHOWS IT'S IN THE AREA!

I SENSED IT WAS OUT THIS WAY, TOO.



Ah, YOU GOT THAT SIXTH SENSE TOO, Huh?

WAIT!

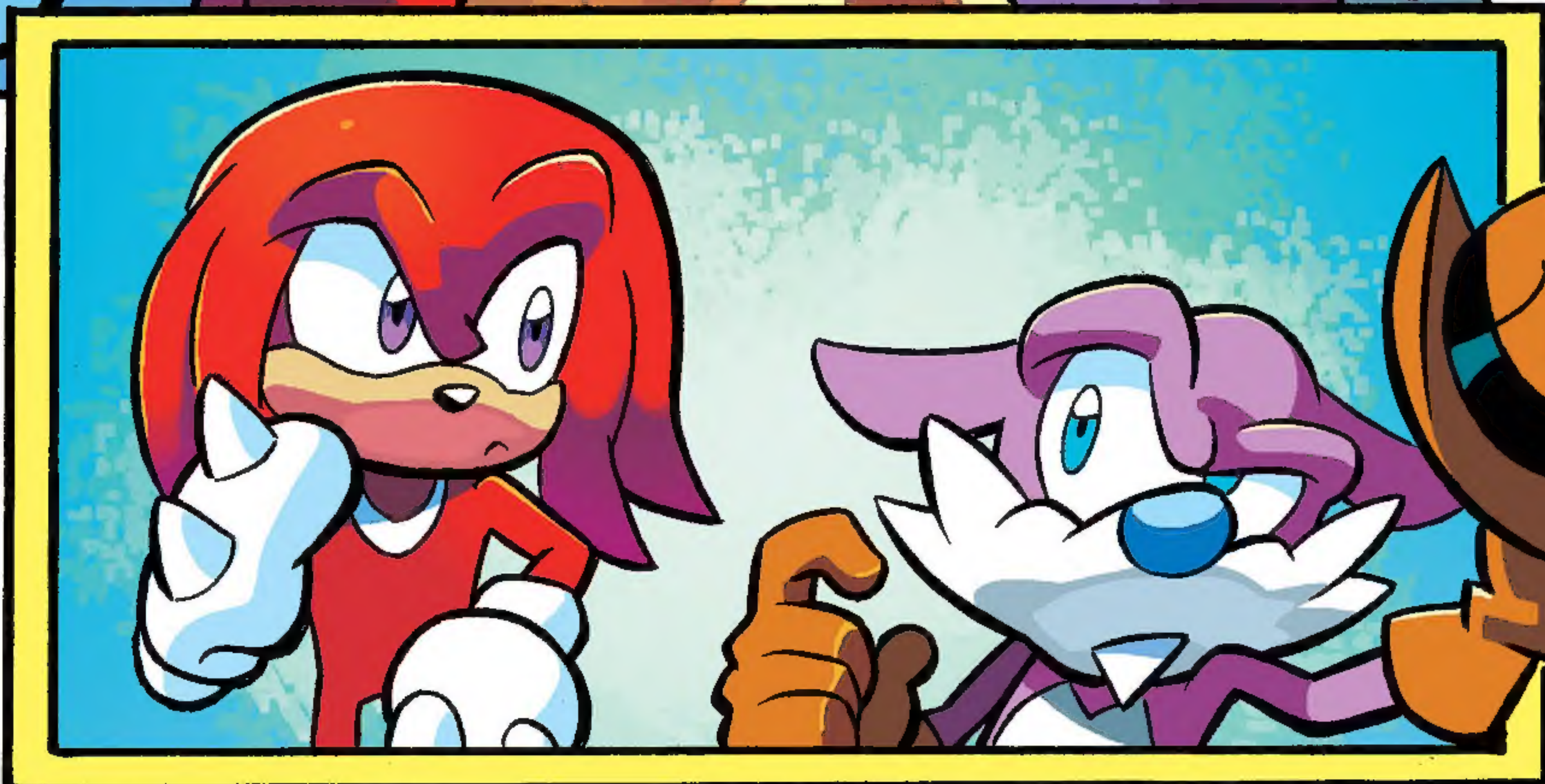
THERE, SEE? IT'S STILL ON THE MOVE!



Huh. LAST TIME I WAS OUT HERE, I FOUND AN ABANDONED MINING NETWORK BELOW THE HILLS.\*

I GUESS THE ALTIMETER ON THIS THING IS WONKY. BUT AT LEAST NOW WE KNOW WHERE TO--

\*SONIC ADVENTURE 2--THE GAME

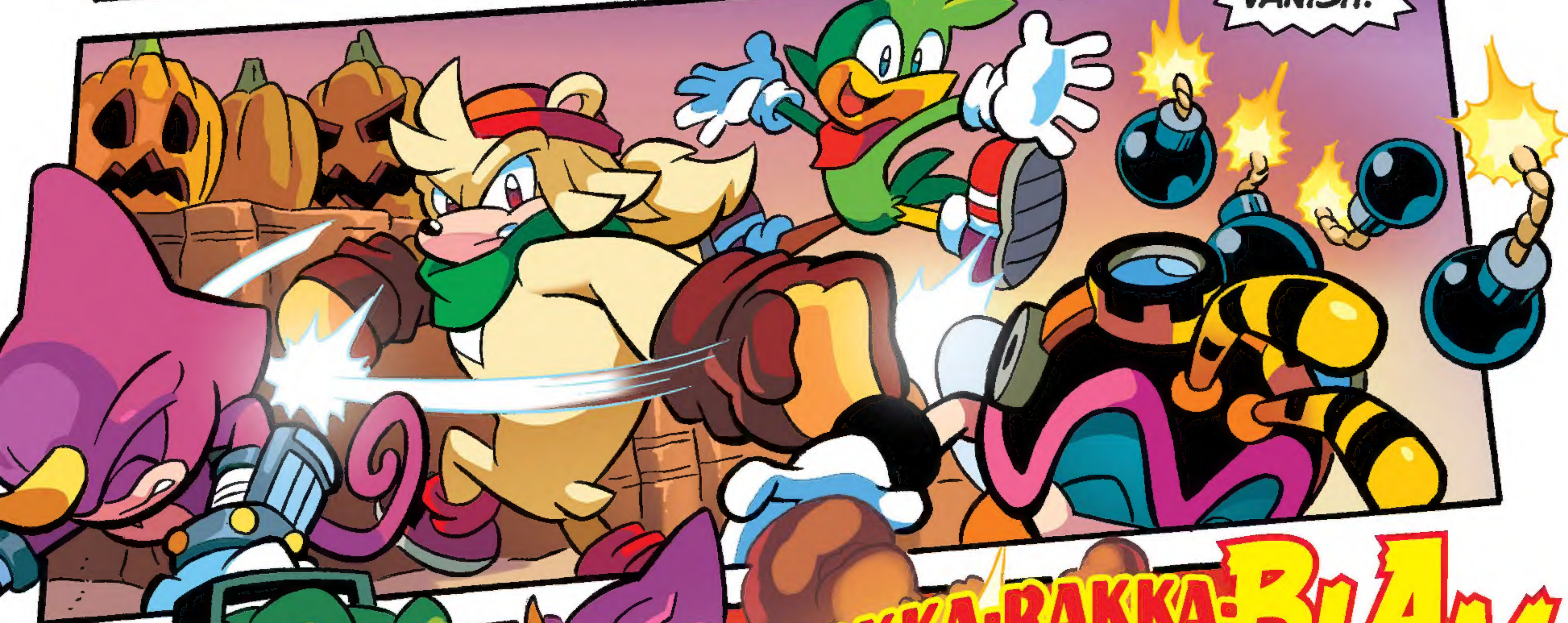




OOF!

BEAN!  
GIVE US  
SOME  
COVER!

YOU GOT  
IT, BOSS!  
NINJA--  
VANISH!



**BRAKKA-RAKKA-BLAM**



LATER,  
SUCKERS!

THAT IS  
NOT HOW  
NINJA  
VANISH!



THAT'S JUST GREAT!

THE HOOLIGANS GOT THE DROP ON US, AND NOW THEY'VE GOT A HEAD START!

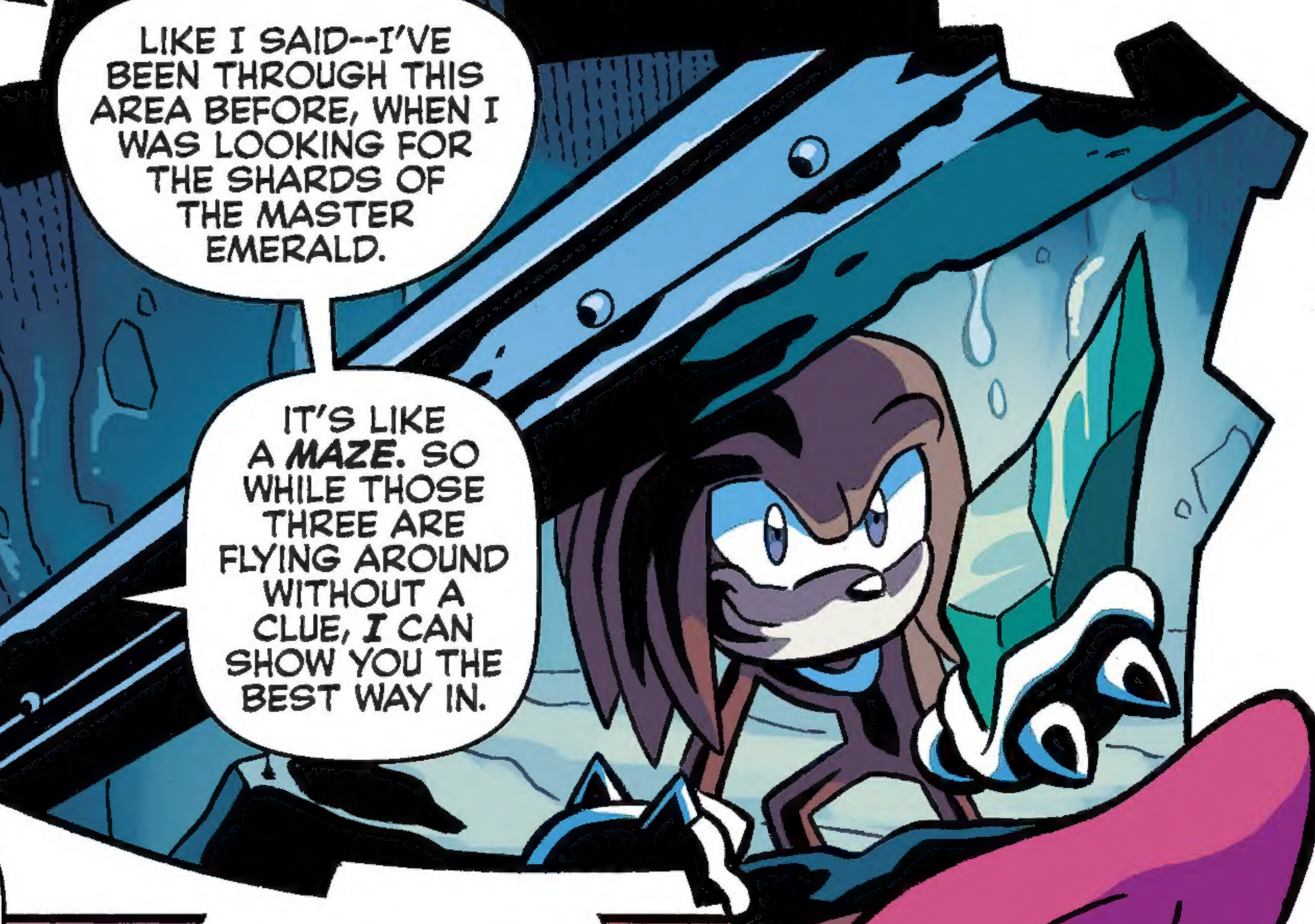


YEAH-- BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ME.

LIKE I SAID--I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS AREA BEFORE, WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR THE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD.



IT'S LIKE A MAZE. SO WHILE THOSE THREE ARE FLYING AROUND WITHOUT A CLUE, I CAN SHOW YOU THE BEST WAY IN.



AND YOU CAN SENSE THE EMERALD... WE'RE NOT SUNK! WE'VE STILL GOT THE ADVANTAGE!

WOO! WE CAN STILL PRETEND TO BE NUMBER ONE!



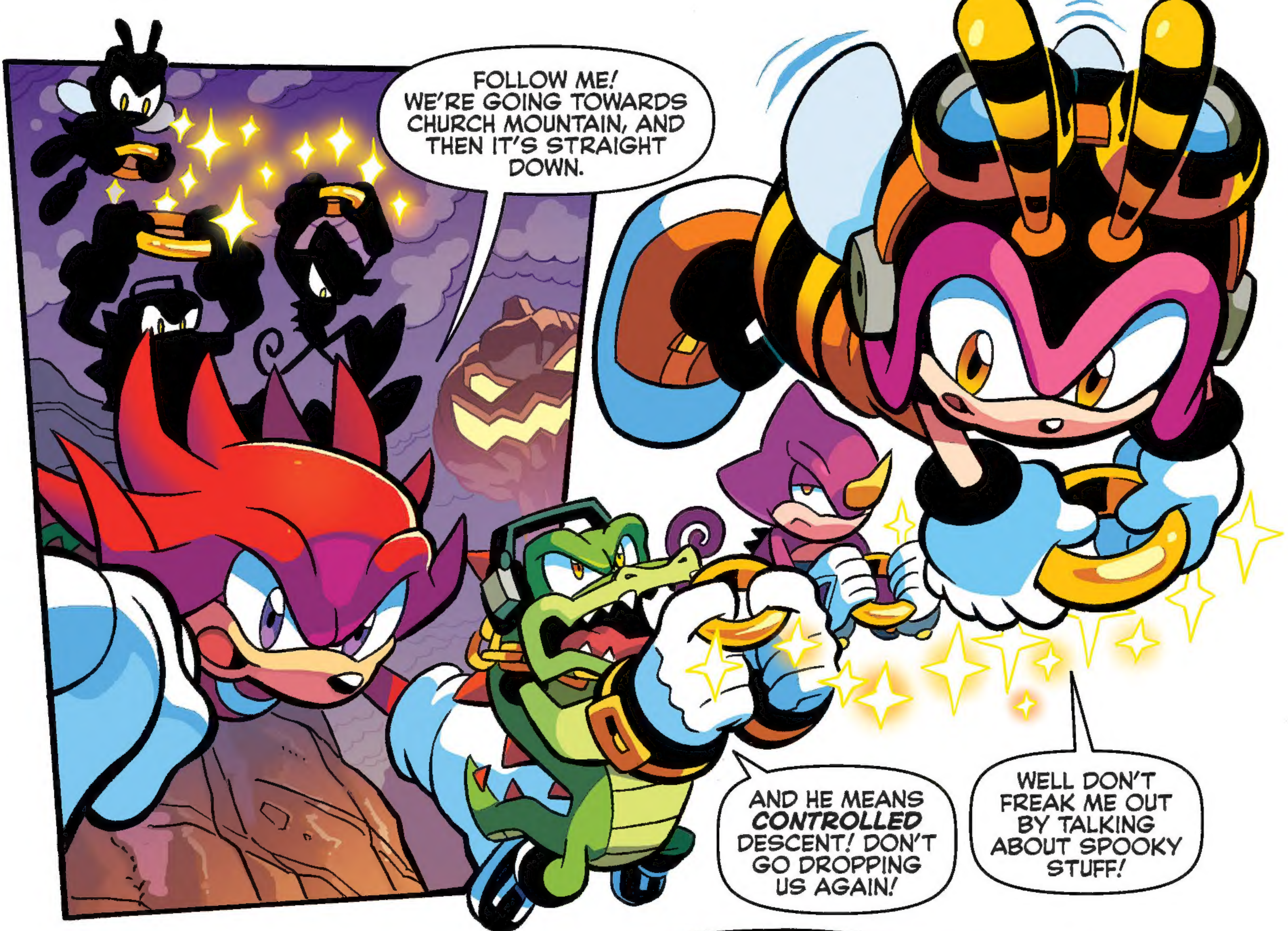
THEN LET'S HURRY! THEY STILL HAVE THE SPEED ADVANTAGE.



THEN WE'LL CHANNEL OUR INNER-SONIC! VROOM! WHOOSH!

PSSHT! NEVER.

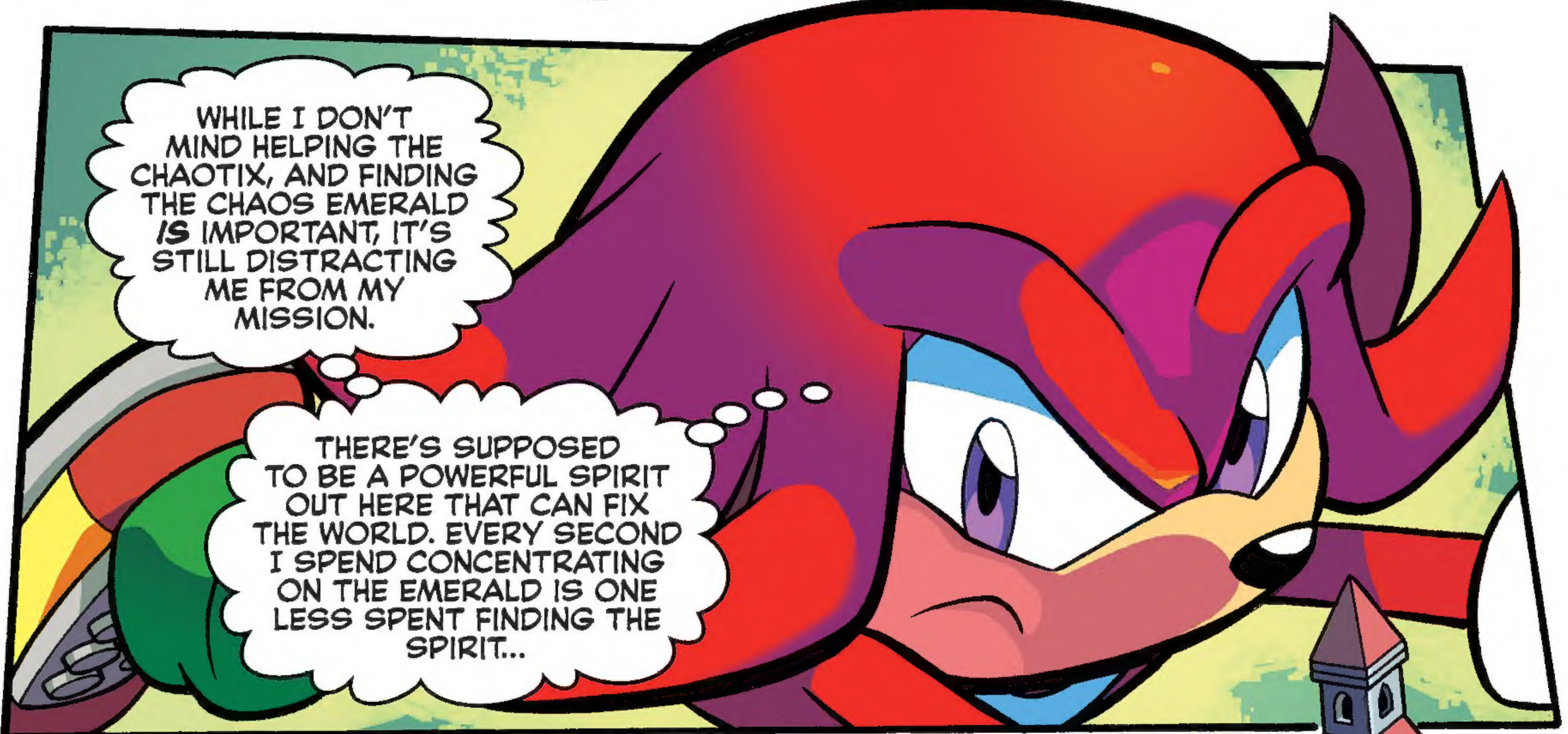




FOLLOW ME!  
WE'RE GOING TOWARDS  
CHURCH MOUNTAIN, AND  
THEN IT'S STRAIGHT  
DOWN.

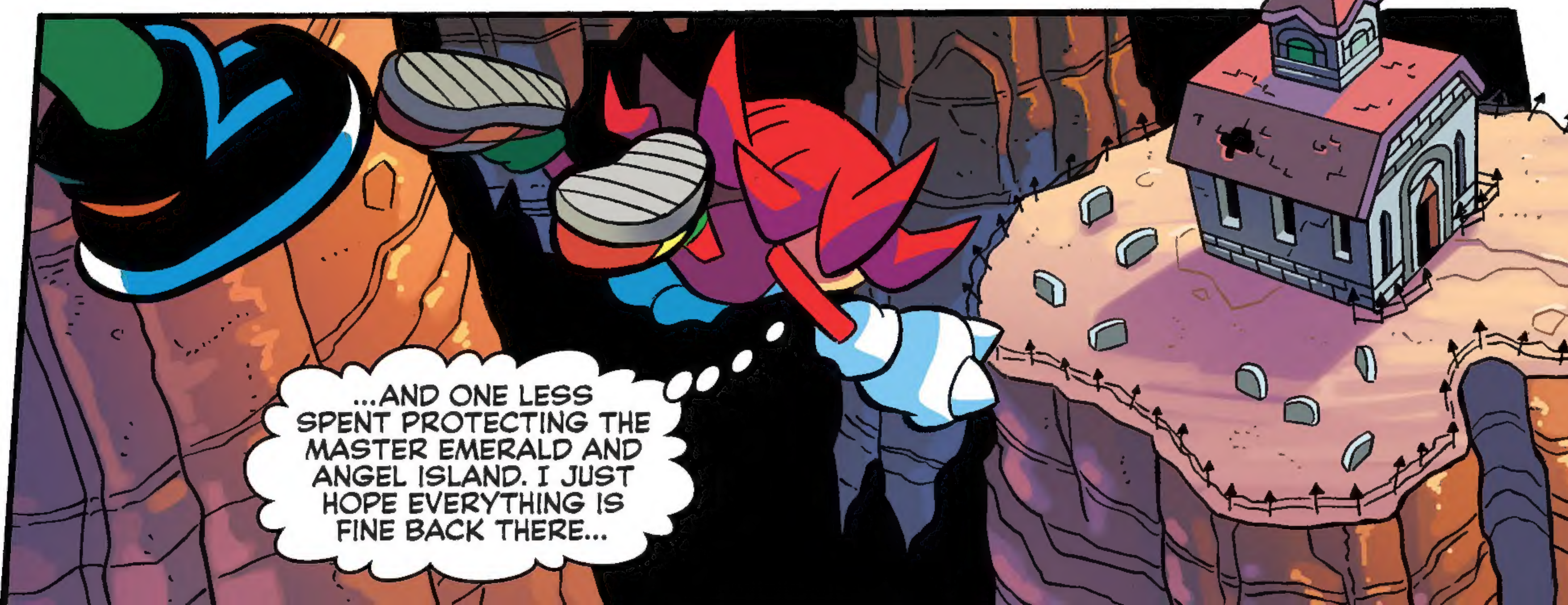
AND HE MEANS  
**CONTROLLED**  
DESCENT! DON'T  
GO DROPPING  
US AGAIN!

WE'LL DON'T  
FREAK ME OUT  
BY TALKING  
ABOUT SPOOKY  
STUFF!



WHILE I DON'T  
MIND HELPING THE  
CHAOTIX, AND FINDING  
THE CHAOS EMERALD  
IS IMPORTANT, IT'S  
STILL DISTRACTING  
ME FROM MY  
MISSION.

THERE'S SUPPOSED  
TO BE A POWERFUL SPIRIT  
OUT HERE THAT CAN FIX  
THE WORLD. EVERY SECOND  
I SPEND CONCENTRATING  
ON THE EMERALD IS ONE  
LESS SPENT FINDING THE  
SPIRIT...



...AND ONE LESS  
SPENT PROTECTING THE  
MASTER EMERALD AND  
ANGEL ISLAND. I JUST  
HOPE EVERYTHING IS  
FINE BACK THERE...

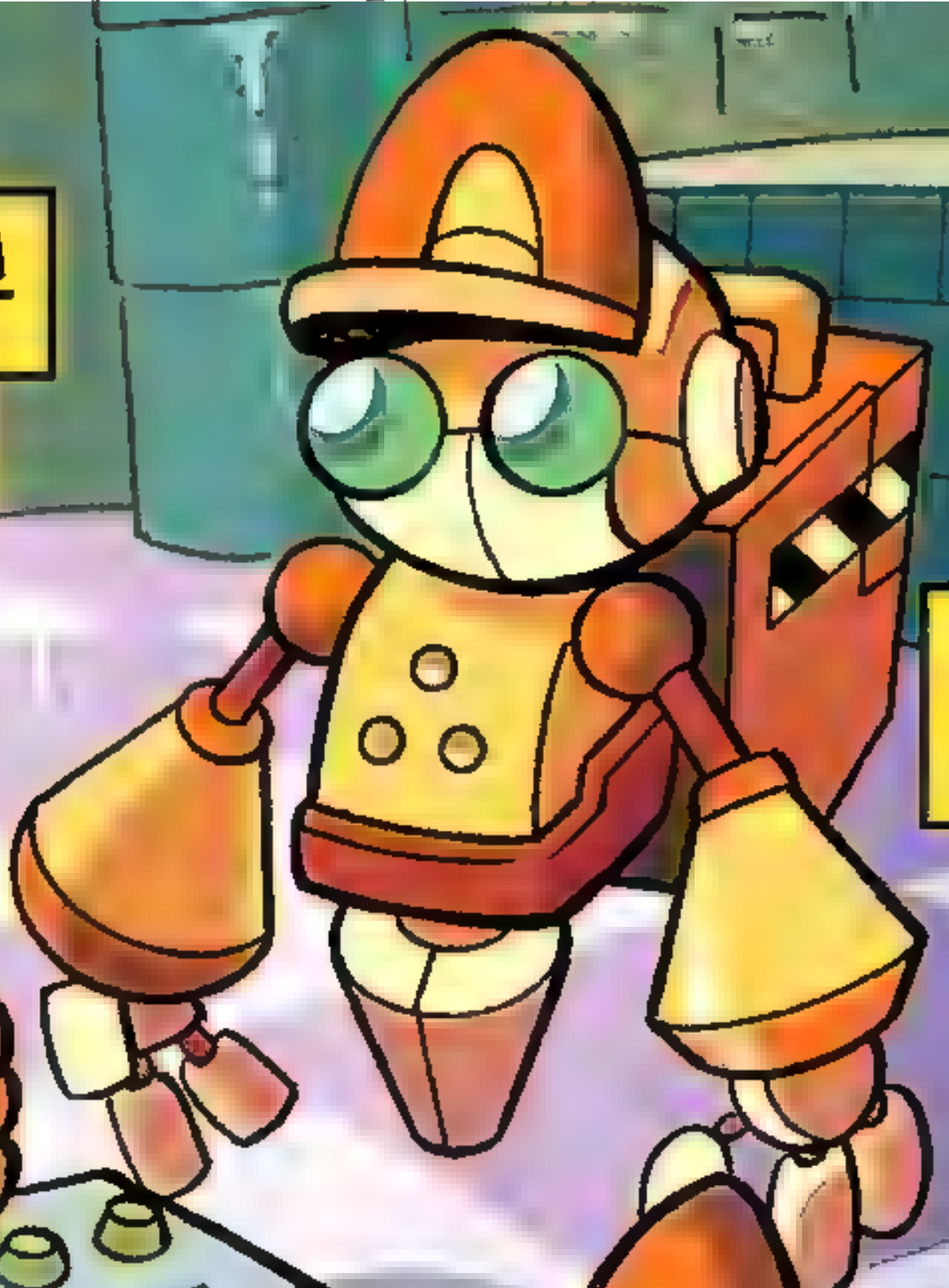
...AND NOTHING BOTHERS RELIC!

RELIC the PIKA ARCHAEOLOGIST

MEANWHILE-- LAUNCH BASE ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND

FIXIT ANCIENT MACHINE

Doooooh! IT'S LIKE THE ORIGINAL RESIDENTS DIDN'T WANT THESE SYSTEMS TO COORDINATE AT ALL!



Erm...MADAM RELIC? MAY I INQUIRE *WHAT* YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO...

...SO I MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE?



WELL, SINCE I CAN'T SEEM TO CONTACT ANYONE ON THE SURFACE --SUCH AS IT IS NOWADAYS--

I THOUGHT I MIGHT GET ALL THE OLD SYSTEMS ACROSS THE ISLAND TO SYNC UP.

KNUCKLES TASKED US WITH WATCHING OVER THE ISLAND IN HIS ABSENCE.

YOU WOULD *THINK* THAT SINCE HIS ANCESTORS BUILT UP SO MUCH ACROSS THE ISLAND...

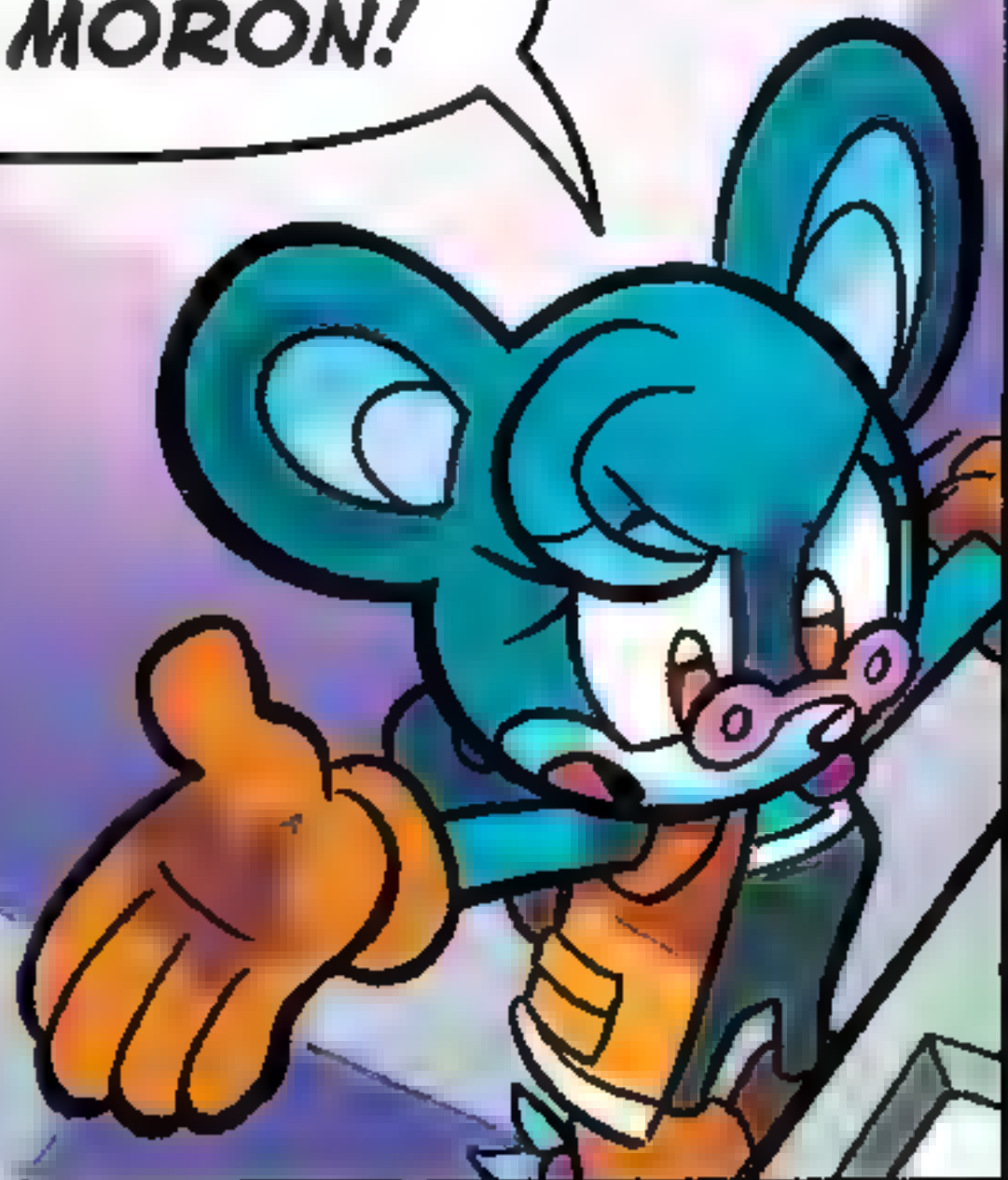
...THEY'D HAVE LEFT A WAY TO TALK TO ONE ANOTHER!



GUARDIAN KNUCKLES USES THE OLD TECHNOLOGY, CORRECT?

Oh, YES, HE'S *QUITE* FAMILIAR WITH EVERYTHING. BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW *HOW* IT WORKS, JUST THAT IT *DOES*.

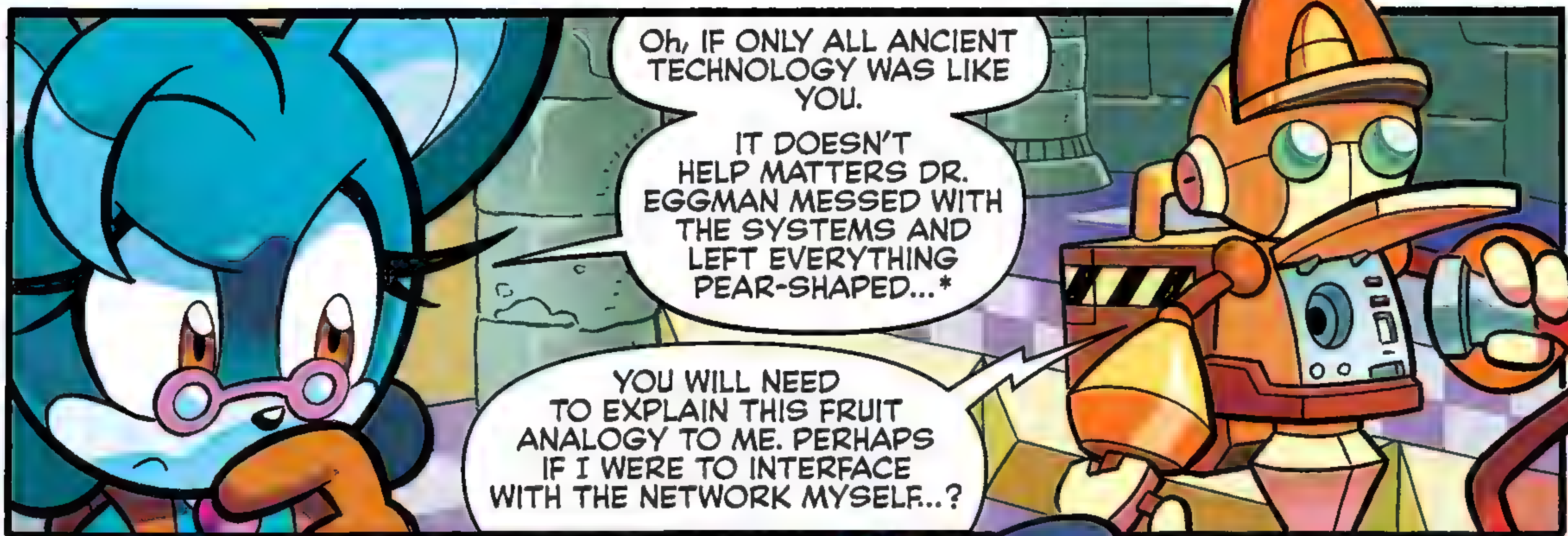
WHICH LEAVES ME YELLING AT THESE MACHINES LIKE AN *UTTER MORON!*



BUT NOT YOU, DEAR. YOU'RE EVER SO HELPFUL, AND I'M *QUITE* HAPPY I FOUND YOU UNDER THAT RUBBLE.

I LIVE TO SERVE!



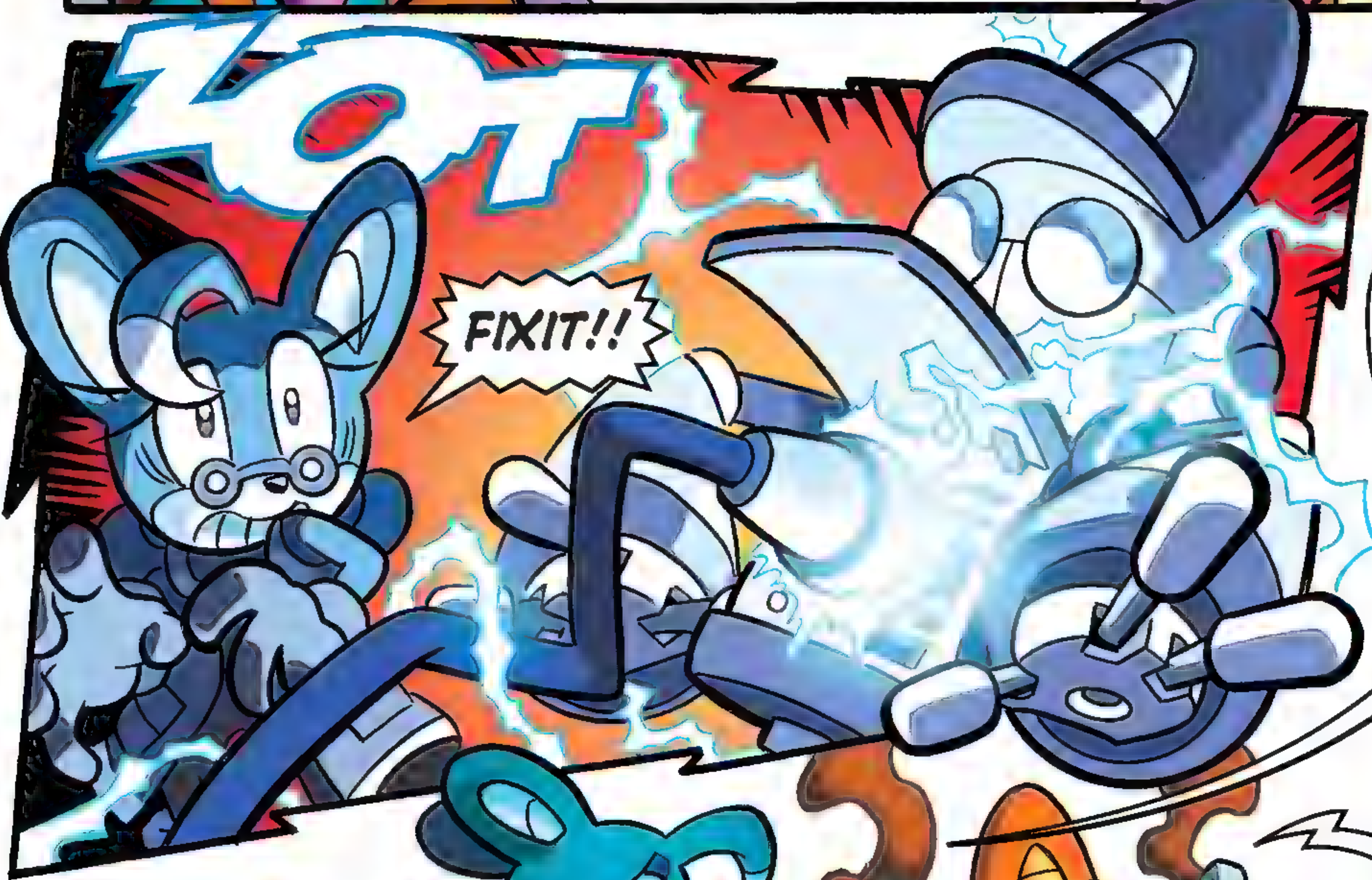


Oh, IF ONLY ALL ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY WAS LIKE YOU.

IT DOESN'T HELP MATTERS DR. EGGMAN MESS'D WITH THE SYSTEMS AND LEFT EVERYTHING PEAR-SHAPED...\*

YOU WILL NEED TO EXPLAIN THIS FRUIT ANALOGY TO ME. PERHAPS IF I WERE TO INTERFACE WITH THE NETWORK MYSELF...?

\*SONIC 3 & KNUCKLES --THE GAME.

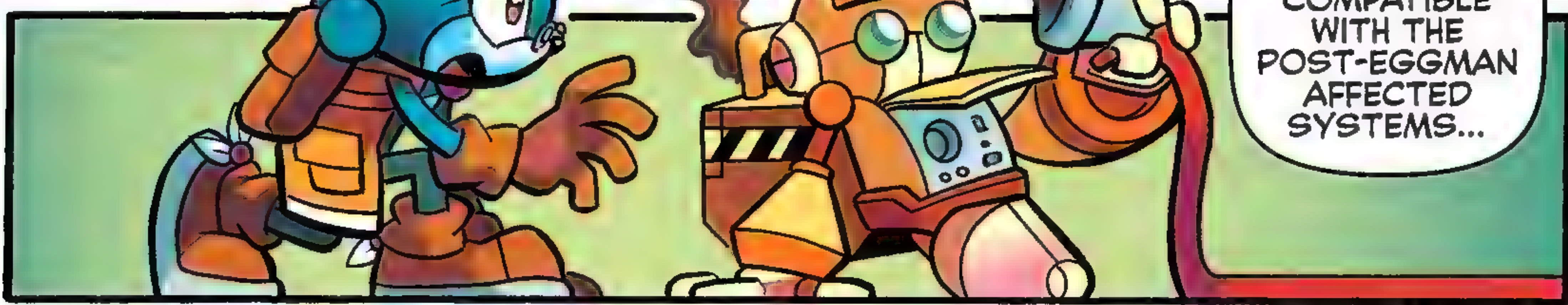


FIXIT!!

FIXIT? ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DEARIE? PLEASE BE ALRIGHT. I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIST IDEA HOW TO REPAIR YOU!

I'M *εντε* FINE, MADAM.

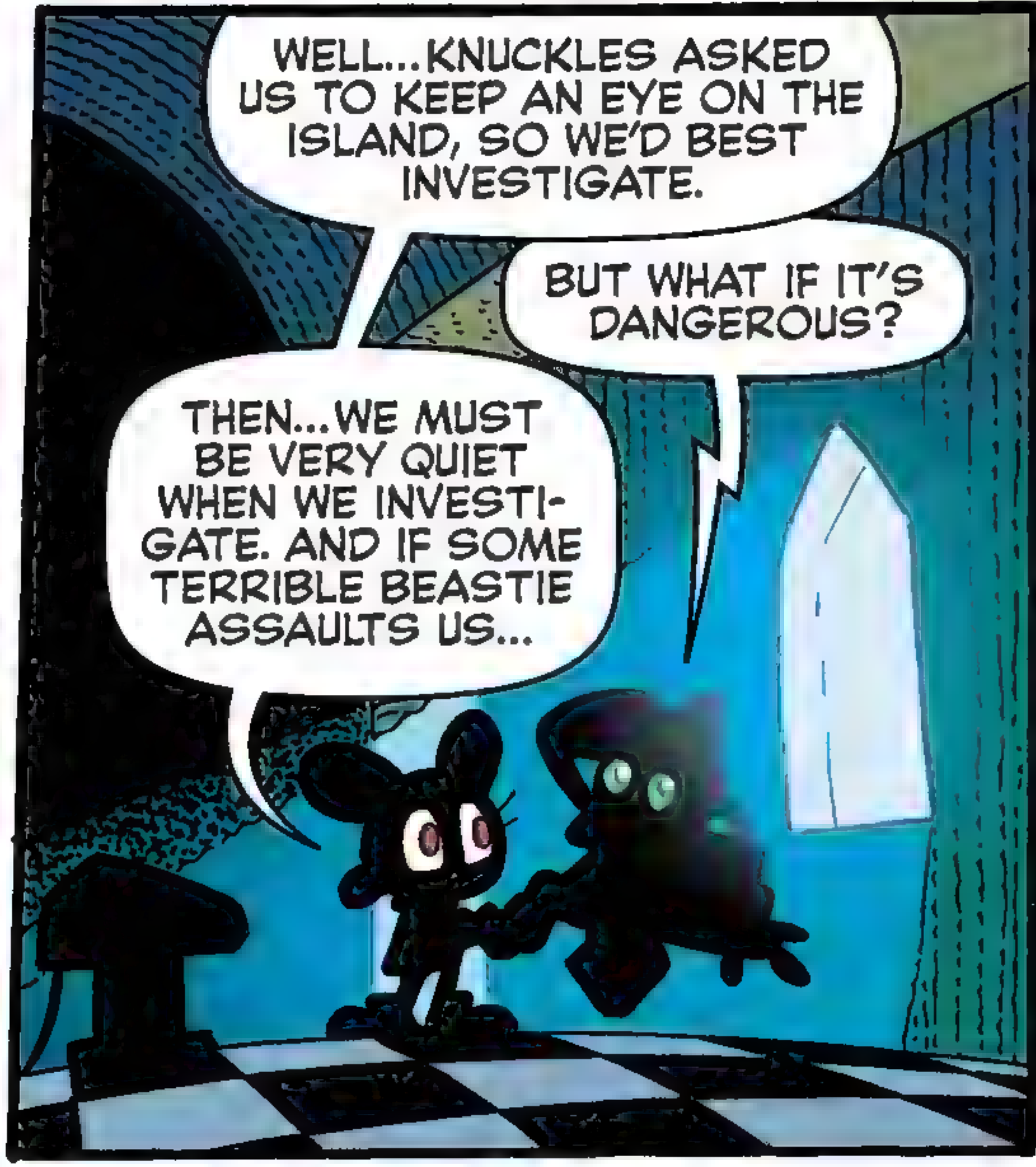
I AM N-NOT FULLY *εντε* COMPATIBLE WITH THE POST-EGGMAN AFFECTED SYSTEMS...



I D-DID, HOWEVER, NOTE A STRANGE ENERGY READING IN M-MUSHROOM HILL ZONE.

STRANGE? "STRANGE" HOW?

IT IS HARD TO DEFINE...IT SEEMS ALIEN TO THE ISLAND...



WELL...KNUCKLES ASKED US TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE ISLAND, SO WE'D BEST INVESTIGATE.

BUT WHAT IF IT'S DANGEROUS?

THEN...WE MUST BE VERY QUIET WHEN WE INVESTIGATE. AND IF SOME TERRIBLE BEASTIE ASSAULTS US...

... WE MUST  
RUN VERY  
QUICKLY!!

AQUATIC  
MINE  
ZONE.

TH-THIS PLACE  
IS E-EVEN **CREEPIER**  
THAN THE HILLS...

WHATTAYA  
TALKIN' ABOUT?  
IT'S DARK, IT'S  
DANK--REMINDS  
ME OF HOME!

OR THE  
OFFICE WHEN  
YOU HAVEN'T  
PAID THE  
POWER  
BILL...

CAN YOU  
STILL SENSE THE  
EMERALD?

YEAH--IT'S  
**MUCH STRONGER**  
DOWN HERE. AND  
IT'S STILL  
MOVING.

HOW DO YOU  
DO THAT, ANYWAY?  
SENSE THE EMERALDS  
AND STUFF.

I DON'T KNOW.  
IT'S JUST A SIXTH  
SENSE I'VE ALWAYS  
KNOWN.

THEY SAY ALL THE  
BEST TREASURE HUNTERS  
CAN "FEEL" WHAT THEY'RE  
LOOKING FOR THIS WAY.

SINCE WHEN DID YOU  
HUNT FOR TREASURE?  
YOU'RE ALWAYS  
WATCHING THE MASTER  
EMERALD?

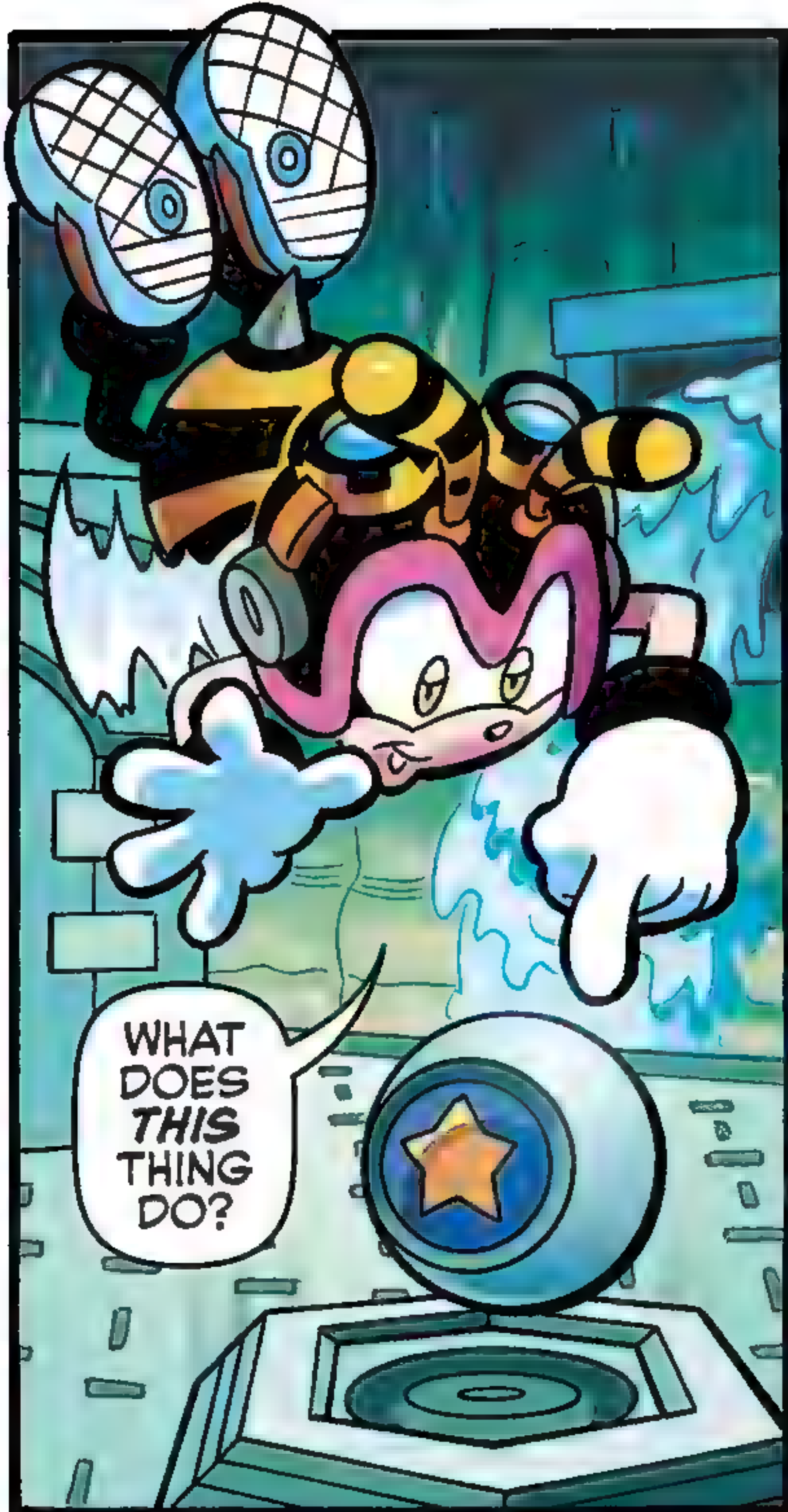
"ALWAYS"?  
I CAN HAVE  
HOBBIES TOO,  
Y'KNOW.

WHY DO YOU  
KEEP HIM AROUND  
AGAIN?

WOULD  
**YOU** LEAVE HIM  
TO FEND FOR  
HIMSELF?

I WRITE HIM OFF AS  
A "CHARITABLE CAUSE"  
EVERY TAX SEASON.

OOOOH!



WHAT DOES THIS THING DO?



DON'T--!



--TOUCH THAT!

WHY?



THEY CHANGE THE WATER LEVELS AND SOMEHOW STILL WORK. THERE'S A BUNCH OF SWITCHES THROUGHOUT THE MINES.

Oh, WHY?

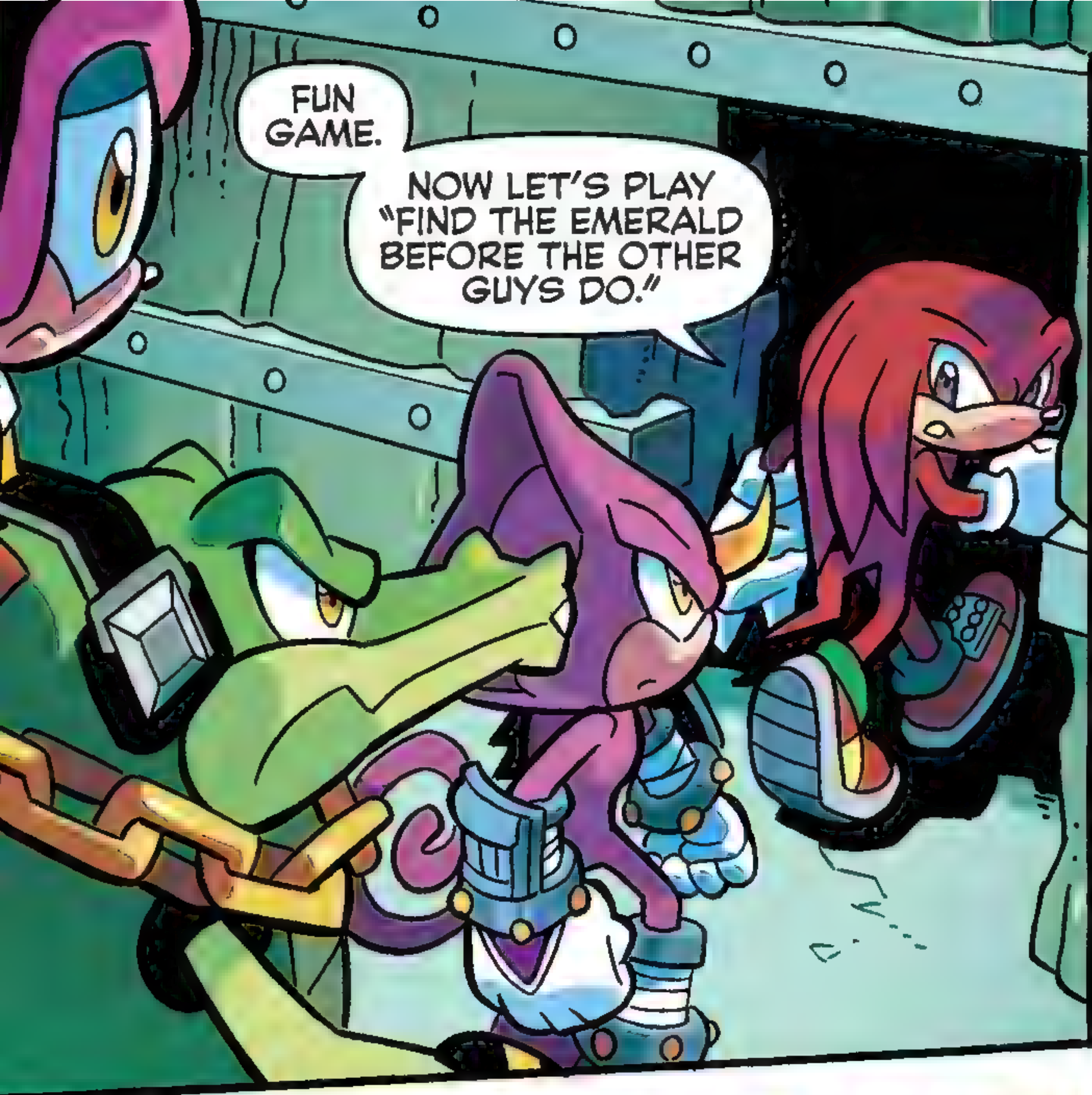


I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS THE MINERS NEEDED A WAY TO KEEP ALL THE WATER IN CHECK.

AND DRAINING THIS PLACE WASN'T AN OPTION.

Oh, WHYYYY?

I DON'T KNOW! MAYBE--



FUN GAME.

NOW LET'S PLAY "FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE THE OTHER GUYS DO!"



Oh, WOW...



...WE'RE REALLY ON THE EDGE, AREN'T WE?

OUR POOR WORLD... BROKEN TO PIECES...\*

\*THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS BEGAN IN STH #256!



C'MON, GUYS. THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN A PAYCHECK. WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE PLANET.

COME TO THINK OF IT... WHERE WERE YOU GUYS WHEN THE WORLD BROKE APART?

IT WAS SCARY!

WE WERE FAR FROM ANY FAULT LINE, BUT **EVERYTHING** SHOOK. NO ONE WAS UNTOUCHED.

IT MAKES ME WONDER...

"...HOW THE HOOLIGANS CAN LIVE WITH THEMSELVES."

NO-NO-NO! WE SHOULD GO LEFT THERE!

YOU LACK IMAGINATION! AND EXPLOSIVES!

ARGH! YOU'RE NOT HELPING!

WE NEED TO FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE THE CHAOTIX AND GET IT BACK TO EGGMAN!

IT'S A TUNNEL, BEAN! THERE IS NO LEFT OR RIGHT!

~sigh~



Oh, NOW YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH WHO WE TAKE CONTRACTS FROM? NOW YOU'VE GOT SCRUPLES?

OR MAYBE YOU WANT TO LET THE WORLD SORT ITSELF OUT, LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES? IF YOU WANT OUT, SPEAK UP NOW.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

VROOOOM VROOOOM



MEANWHILE...

SEE THAT?  
WHOEVER DUG OUT  
THIS PLACE SAW  
GHOSTS, TOO.

THINK *THEIR*  
GHOSTS HAUNT  
THIS PLACE  
NOW?

Huh...

EEP!

CUT IT OUT,  
VECTOR. WE DON'T  
NEED HIM JUMPING  
AT SHADOWS DOWN  
HERE, TOO.

NO, YOU MIGHT  
AS WELL KEEP AN  
EYE OUT. I RAN INTO  
GHOSTS THE LAST  
TIME I WAS DOWN  
HERE.

Oh, FOR  
THE LOVE  
OF...

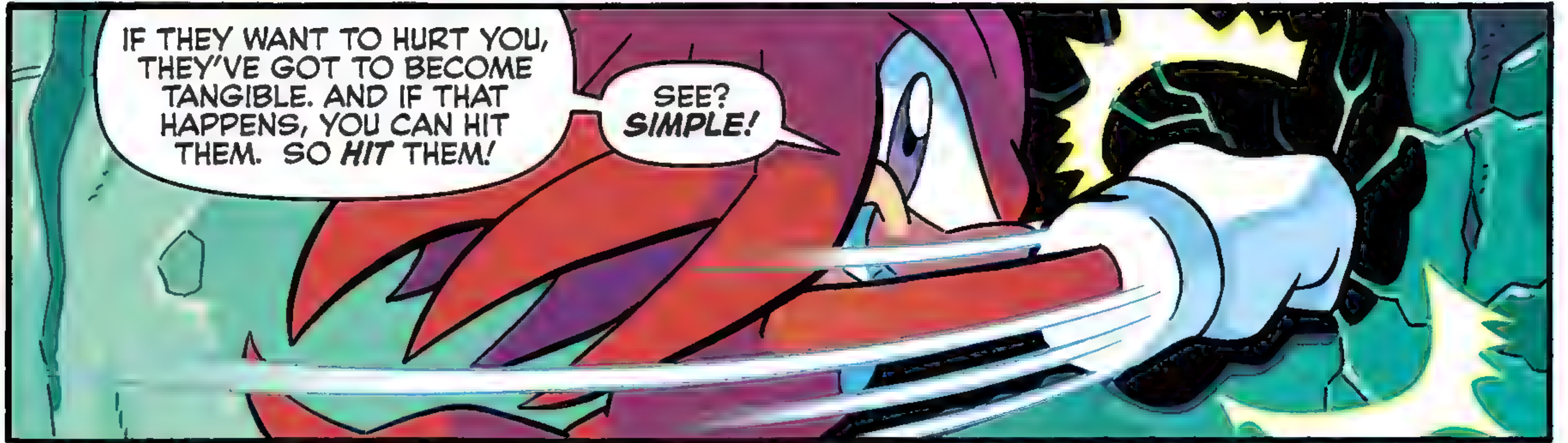
LOOK! *YOU*  
MAY BE USED TO  
GHOSTS...

...BUT THE MYSTERIES  
WE DEAL WITH USUALLY  
INVOLVE LOST WALLETS  
AND PARANOID  
SPOUSES!



LOOK--IT'S SIMPLE. GHOSTS ARE EITHER VAPOR OR SOLID.

IF THEY'RE VAPOR, THEY CAN'T TOUCH YOU, SO WHO CARES?



IF THEY WANT TO HURT YOU, THEY'VE GOT TO BECOME TANGIBLE. AND IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN HIT THEM. SO *HIT* THEM!

SEE? SIMPLE!



I'M SURPRISED THAT WASN'T COVERED IN MY NINJA TRAINING.

HE'S THOROUGH--BUT HE STILL MAKES THE INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE!

HE'S AN INSPIRATION!




YEAH, WELL, WHEN YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO LIKE ME, ALL THIS COMES SECOND NATURE.

BESIDES, I'M SURE I CLEARED THIS PLACE OUT.



"THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANYTHING SUPERNATURAL LEFT DOWN HERE."




WHAT ABOUT THOSE MONSTERS WE FOUGHT ON THE SURFACE?

Oh, YEAH... WELL, HOPEFULLY, THEY **STAY** UP THERE.




HEY! WHAT'S DOWN THIS WAY?



IT'S ONE OF THE **MANY** FLOODED TUNNELS.

I THINK IT LEADS BACK TOWARDS THE SURFACE, BUT I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH THAT LONG.

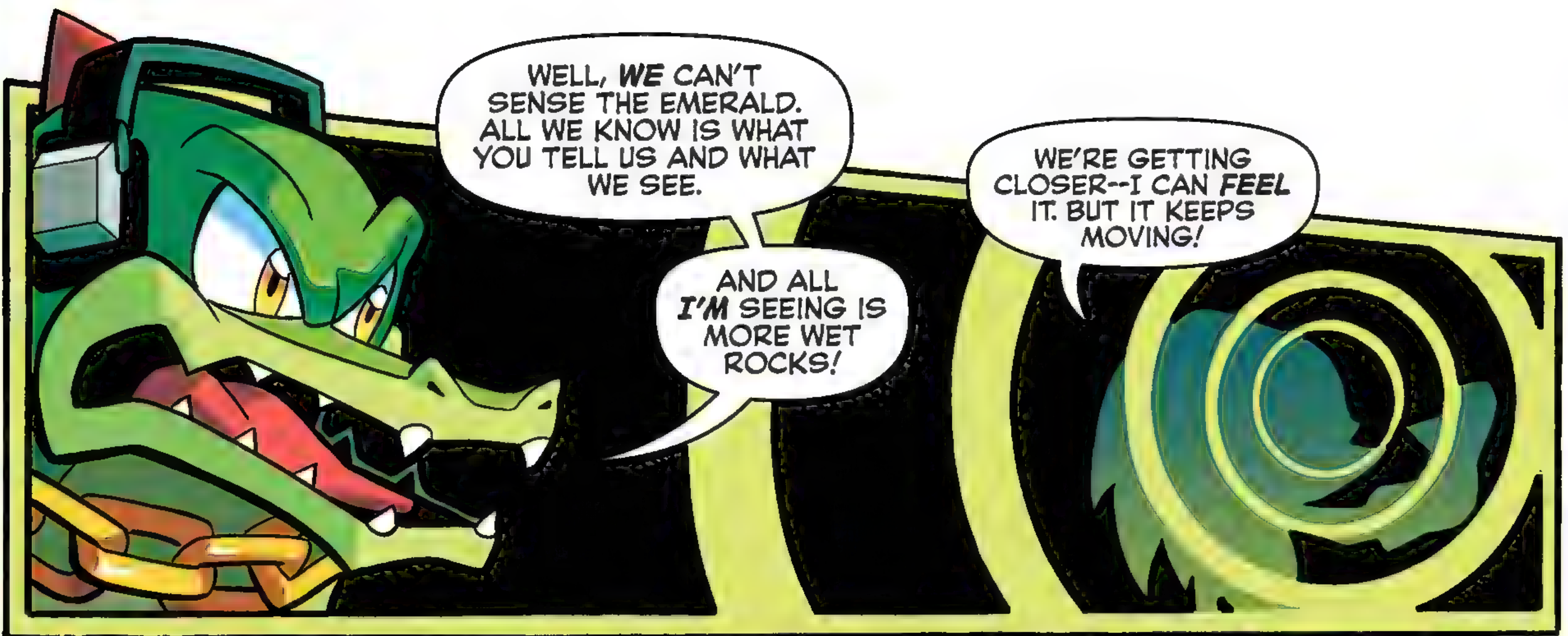
LET'S KEEP MOVING.



WE'VE BEEN DESCENDING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. PERHAPS WE'VE GONE THE WRONG WAY?

WE'D BE MOVING FASTER IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP AND PLAY TOUR GUIDE! JUST. **KEEP. MOVING!**

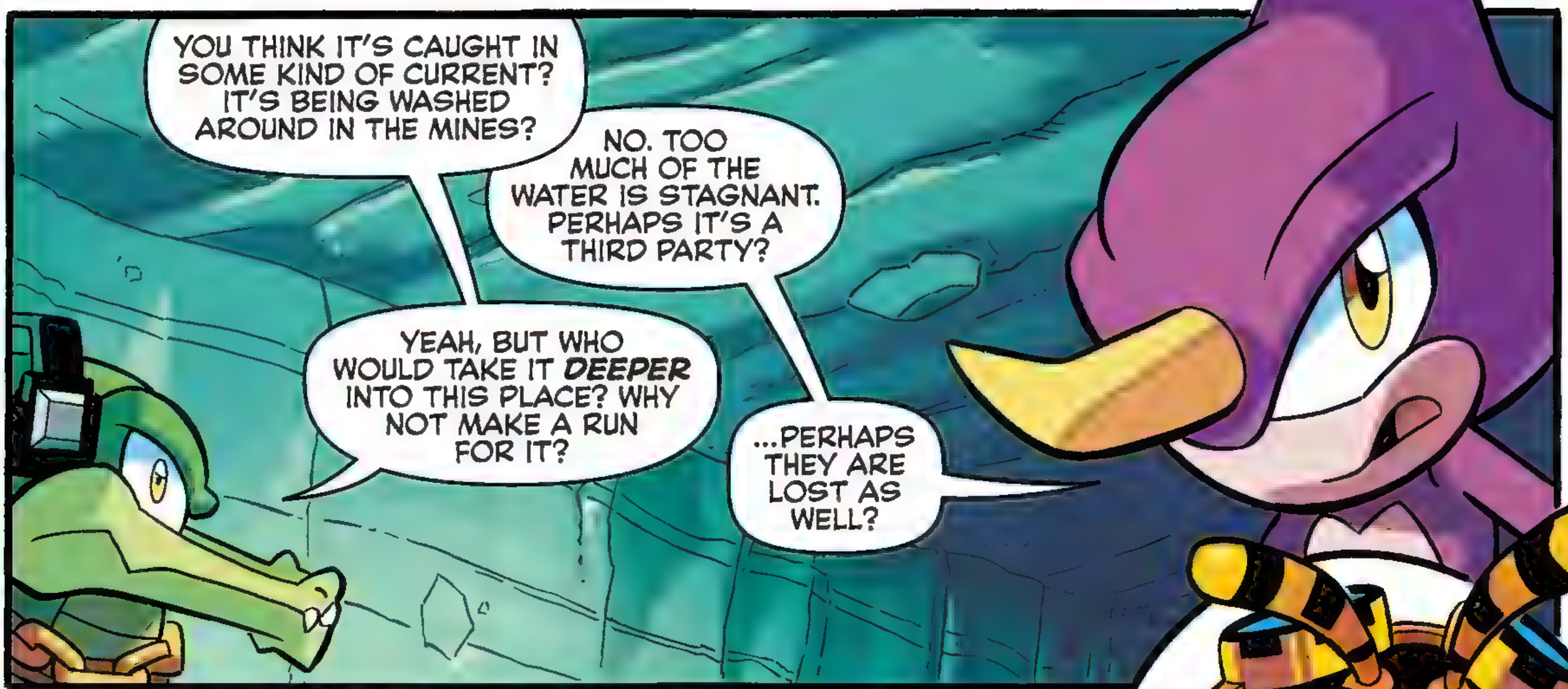




WELL, WE CAN'T SENSE THE EMERALD. ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT YOU TELL US AND WHAT WE SEE.

AND ALL I'M SEEING IS MORE WET ROCKS!

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER--I CAN FEEL IT. BUT IT KEEPS MOVING!



YOU THINK IT'S CAUGHT IN SOME KIND OF CURRENT? IT'S BEING WASHED AROUND IN THE MINES?

NO. TOO MUCH OF THE WATER IS STAGNANT. PERHAPS IT'S A THIRD PARTY?

YEAH, BUT WHO WOULD TAKE IT *DEEPER* INTO THIS PLACE? WHY NOT MAKE A RUN FOR IT?

...PERHAPS THEY ARE LOST AS WELL?

GUYS! GUYS! WHAT IF THE HOOLIGANS FOUND IT FOR REAL THIS TIME?

WHAT IF WE'VE BEEN CHASING THEM THIS WHOLE TIME AND DIDN'T KNOW IT?

WE GOTTA HURRY!



B-BUT KNUCKLES IS THE ONE SENSING IT!

HURRY HURRY HURRY!

FIND IT! FIND IT!

FIND IT!

**ENOUGH!!**

I HAD MY OWN MISSION BEFORE I GOT ROPED INTO THIS!

I DON'T NEED TO FIGHT YOUR RIVALS FOR YOU, OR BABYSIT YOU THROUGH GHOST STORIES!

I'M NOT DOING YOUR JOB FOR YOU ANYMORE!

WHOA! SORRY, I JUST--

**NO! MORE!**

FINE. JUST POINT US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

**GRRR... THE EMERALD IS...**

...HEADING RIGHT FOR US.

JUST AROUND THIS CORNER...



H-HULLO?  
IS S-SOMEONE  
THERE...?

IS THIS THE SPIRIT KNUCKLES  
WAS LOOKING FOR?!  
WHATEVER IT IS--WHAT IS IT  
DOING WITH THE

**CHAOS  
EMERALD?!**

AND ARE **The HOOLIGANS** AND **MONSTERS**  
WAITING IN THE SHADOWS TO POUNCE?!!

THINGS GET  
EVEN *WILDER*  
NEXT TIME!!

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I wanted to mention (but forgot the last time I wrote) just how brilliant Sonic Universe is. The main Sonic the Hedgehog series is, of course, excellent, but Universe is the absolute perfect complement to it. As I've been becoming more and more enamored with StH, a big part of my enjoyment is stemming from the cast. As though you all are psychic, and know how much fun it is to read about everyone from Knuckles to Silver, Universe is there to give EVERYONE the screen time they deserve. I really hope that Universe is here for the long haul, because there'd be a big, gaping hole without it.

**Sonic has such a great cast of characters! The supporting cast needs some time to shine too! As long as we have the support of fans like you, Sonic Universe will thrive for a long time!**

Before I leave... suggestions/requests! I think Silver and Tails are cool and would love to see more of them and other

characters! And... well, that's about it... for now!

Robert M. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks for the letter and kind words, Robert! Wait and see what the future brings for Silver! As for our foxy, high-flying friend, Tails is actually a part of a group mission happening right now in Sonic the Hedgehog 260, check it out!**

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hi! This is my first time writing in, and I just want to say, you guys are AWESOME. I grew up with Sonic, so the Sonic comics are very special to me. Keep up the good work!

**Thanks! I'm glad you decided to drop us a line!**

Okay, I guess I'll have "the usual,"

**You got it! ORDER UP!**

I love the Chaotix, and my favorite member is Mighty. Can I be Mighty's #1 fan, or if that's already taken, than his #1A fan?

**Sure! I deem thee Mighty's #1A fan!**

Next, I'm wondering if we'll see Chaos again. He had a cool cameo in "Worlds Collide" with the whole "Chaos Devil" thing, but will we see actual Chaos in the future?

**Eagle-eyed fans can spot him in the start of this story arc last issue! Where did he go?! You might want to check out what's happening in the main Sonic the Hedgehog comic book right now. You may be pleasantly surprised!**

Thanks, and once again, you guys are amazing!

Hunter H. sent to  
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

**Thanks, Hunter! We hope you're digging The Great Chaos Caper and that you check out Waves of Change, happening right now in Sonic the Hedgehog 260-263!**

**See y'all next month as Knuckles and the Chaotix finally come face to face with the legendary spirit in part 3 of THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER!**

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